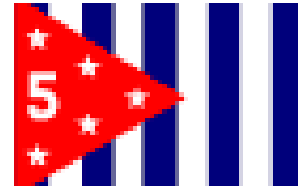




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2024 Fall Conference

Ahoy all,

Please make your plans now to join District 5 for the Fall Educational Conference 7-10 November 2024. Due to last year's conference being such an enjoyable event, it was decided to hold it once again at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. Thanks to the generosity of the Henry Sweet Trust and District 5, all expenses for seminars will be paid for by the Trust and the District 5!

Hotel room costs will be the responsibility of individual squadron members. With your paid reservation for the hotel room at the institute, members will receive breakfast and dinner for each night's stay; this includes the awards dinner on Saturday evening. Registration deadline for hotel rooms is 17 October 2024. Room rates are: Single \$167; Double \$212.

Awards dinner - if not a guest in the hotel the cost is \$45.00 and must be paid at the time of your registration for seminars. Lunch, as well as morning and afternoon breaks, will be provided through the seminars. Please note, in order to attend seminars and the awards dinner, you must submit a registration form no later than 23 October 2024. **If you choose not to stay at the hotel, you must send a \$45.00 check payment with your registration form.** The information for mailing your registration is included with this edition of the Mark 5 as well as on the District 5 website.

District Educational Officer, John O'Reilly, and his staff are busy preparing informative and interesting workshops and seminars for all. This year's conference is hosted by Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron. We hope many of you will join us for this event!

Hope to see you there!

Cdr. Barbara Lash
Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron



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Commander's Message

D/C Robert S. Blevins, AP

District 5 Members,

The Summer Council and Rendezvous is now past and a great time was enjoyed by all. We had 16 Squadrons represented, 92 members attending, and 22 boats participating. Many thanks to all who helped make this event such a success. We were honored to have the USPS® Chief Commander Ralph Bernard, AP attending the Council & Rendezvous as well as leading the Southern cruise down to Solomons Island. Thank you Ralph!

USPS® National Fall Governing Board is in Pittsburgh, PA 24-29 Sept 2024. The deadline for reduced ticket costs is 27 August. We need District 5 members to help in our Hospitality Suite. By attending you will find out what National does for the Districts and Squadrons. Please let me know if you are going to attend.

The Fall Educational Conference is at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum, MD again the year 7-10 November 2024. This is a great opportunity to attend unique classes on the new iMIS system, diesel engine seminar and a host of other classes that are not normally given. The Henry Sweet Fund is sponsoring approximately one-half of the conference; all you need to pay is your room fees. This is a great deal for attending the Conference; please take advantage of this offer and let's fill the building!

The VIMS SHOALS project is progressing nicely. Northern Neck Sail & Power Squadron's boats have successfully transferred SHOALS data to the VIMS Center. We're presently working the SHOALS data from the boat display to automatically go to VIMS via an ARGO connection. Thus, there will be two ways to get your SHOALS data to the VIMS data center. Northern Neck and Dundalk will soon be working with both methods for final prototype. The SHOALS data collection system will then be available for all Squadrons to participate for gathering shallow and mid depth data. This is a great way to help the Bay!

Please get on the water, wear your shirts, fly your flags and get the boating public to see USPS® in action!

D/C Bob Blevins
District 5 Commander



**2024 America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic
 District 5 Fall Conference
 7-10 November 2024
 Maritime Institute, Linthicum Heights, MD**

MEMBER

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____ Squadron _____

OTHER ATTENDEES

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Friday & Saturday Lunch & Breaks

Friday Lunch & Breaks # _____

Saturday Lunch & Breaks # _____

(All meals include: Lunch Buffet, Morning & Afternoon Breaks, AV Equipment)

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

Chef's Buffet # _____ @ \$45.00 \$ _____

Dinner cost is only for those not staying at the Maritime Institute

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

**All Reservations must be submitted by 23 October 2024. You must submit the reservation form to be counted for attendance. Please submit the form by email to: bobby.blaker@comcast.net
 This is for the seminars only.**

Make checks payable to: Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron

PLEASE SEND RESERVATION FOR DINNER WITH CHECK TO:

Barbara Blaker, 91 Blondell Court, Timonium, MD 21093-2006, Cell: (443) 310-5955

Hotel Reservations: By 17 October 2024

Maritime Institute, 692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

(410) 859-5700, ask for America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic 2024

Hotel Rates: \$167 Single Occupancy; \$212.00 Double Occupancy

Room rates include breakfast and dinner.

2024 D/5 Cruises

Southbound Cruise

The Southbound Cruise started at the Anchorage Marina in Baltimore with Penn & Linda Hess in the *Belle Linda* and Ralph & Nance Bernard with Randy & Judy Stow on *Four Play*. On Sunday, both boats traveled to Rock Hall Landing where we were met by John O'Reilly on *Sans Souci*. The pool there was fantastic and we had a little get-together. Of course, we traveled to the local ice cream shop where we met Randy & Susan Williamson from Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron. He was in the midst of selling his sailboat after a number of years sailing all over.

Our journey took us southwest to Herrington Harbor South where we were met by Jeff & Lorrie Short on their *Getting There*, Walter Neese on the *Rat Ark* and Doug & Eileen Riley on the *Lorenzo*. *Sans Souci* was crewed by John and his niece Kelly. There was a fantastic cocktail party under the tent for all attendees after almost everyone enjoyed the large pool. The marina was gracious to put us all on one dock, except they couldn't get *Rat Ark* on that particular dock. It was great being so close. We stayed there for two days.

On Thursday morning, we traveled south to the Solomons. Some of us were lucky to have a slip at the main marina, Zahnhisers, whereas others had to go a little further to Spring Cove where we were joined by Tony & Jacki Carugno on *Report*.

All in all, it was a great time and with the number of boats that attended. Combining with the Northbound Cruise, it was a very successful D/5 cruise and the start of a well-attended D/5 Summer Council.

C/C Ralph Bernard

Northern Cruise wrap-up

We are back from the summer cruise with only one boat left behind. We invited members of the other squadrons in the southern Chesapeake to join us, but we ended up with 12 members (six boats) of the Richmond Squadron and two other guest boats with four additional folks.

Those of us that started out on Thursday, 25 July had a mild northern wind and opposing current on the way north to Solomon's Island; lumpy but doable. When *Buoy Scout* and *We'll Sea* tried to round Windmill Point on Friday morning, they faced high seas and heavy wind. They retreated to Norview in Deltaville and proceeded on in the afternoon after the seas had abated. In the meantime, *C'mon Wind* started early and sailed out into the bay for a 12-hour tacking trip north. The rest of the boats came Saturday and had good weather and seas. They made it in time for "docktails," our daily meetup and social time.

Sunday, we headed north for Herrington Harbor South. Along the way, *Traveller* had a failure in one pod drives and had to limp back to Solomon's. However, they stayed connected with the rest of us via our group text messages. We missed their companionship. Meanwhile, *C'mon Wind* headed back to the Rappahannock at a much quicker pace than their trip north. We were joined by John O'Reilly, the District 5 Education Officer for docktails and dinner at Herrington Harbor. We enjoyed getting to know John better.

Monday, the remaining boats headed to Annapolis Yacht Basin with no major events. As usual, we were greeted by a number of small sailboats training near the entrance of Annapolis and the midshipman learning boat handling on one of the academy's yuppies. We were docked next to the Annapolis Yacht Club, but we held our own evening social on the dock. The boat gremlins continued to make themselves known. Between the boats we had several dis-functional radios, a bad AC unit, a non-functioning head and an 8D battery that needed to be replaced. Hand-held radios, a plethora of fans, a second head on board and battery cross-over switches allowed the various boats to proceed.



Tuesday morning, a delegation proceeded to Ruth and Chick's deli at 0830 for the daily patriotic ceremony. Then the group dispersed to help the economy of Annapolis. Some of us had an Uber expedition to West Marine to exchange a defunct 8D battery and find parts to fix the broken AC. Both nights in Annapolis we trekked across the Spa creek drawbridge to restaurants in Eastport.

Wednesday was the best weather as the flotilla was off to St. Michaels, winding our way through the anchored coal ships and around Bloody Point. With our staggered arrival, we kept the dock hands busy. The pool was soon full of noisy boaters and we all joined together on the upper deck of *Tortuga* for evening libations.

The groups spread out through St. Michaels on Thursday, again to help the local economy, but the hot humid weather drove us back to the pool by early afternoon.

Friday, the winds had picked up from the south as we all made the long run back to Solomon's Island. At this point another gremlin caused the genset in one boat to quit working and they had to run the rest of the way with natural ventilation. We made it back to Spring Cove, our traditional stopping place in Solomon's for a final social hour with munchies and liquid refreshments.

Saturday, the south winds stayed in the 10 to 15 knot range gusting to 20 knots as we headed south. That's typical – wind on the nose whether you are heading north or south in the Chesapeake. Of course, the mouth of the Potomac lived up to its reputation of rough seas. At least we had the current with us for this time. We all made it to our home ports and as each boat messaged that they were home, our adventure came to an end. A good time with good people.

R/C Jim Ziegler



2024 D/5 Summer Council

What a great Summer Rendezvous Event! The weather turned out to spare us from the humidity and high temperatures from the prior week, which made it comfortable for outside and on-the-water contests. The Registration table and Raffle and 50/50 opened on Friday morning at 0800.

Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron hosted the event and manned the table through Saturday until 1500. The idea was on Friday to go see Solomons Island, get lunch and dinner, and maybe visit the Lighthouse Museum if so desired. It was also a time to get from the registration table the Scavengers Hunt and Geo contest instructions and paperwork in order to start working on it through Saturday with 1500 being the deadline for turning in the papers to be judged.

On Friday at 1800 the District Commander hosted a reception for all members including light pick-ups beer, water, sodas and wine. Thank you to the great bartenders! There were games Friday evening; thanks to all that attended.

On Saturday at 0700 PRSPS hosted a limited Continental Breakfast before the Flag Raising Ceremony at 0900. At 0845 everyone moved toward the flag raising area where everyone got in their positions for the event. The Master of Ceremonies, the Chaplin, the Honor Guard Officer in charge, the Honor Guard, the Flag Lieutenant, National Officer, District Officers and the District Commander and all the members watching the event help make this great! Let us also recognize the singer of the National Anthem. What a great voice!

After the ceremony everyone made it back to the coffee and breakfast items before the Council Meeting. Thanks to all who contributed to the breakfast, as some bought breakfast items in. The Council Meeting had a good showing of members attending. The Past District Commanders received a trinket for recognition for their past service in the District as Commander, as there were eight in attendance. After the Council Meeting PRSPS hosted a Hot Dog Bar with sauerkraut and chili, as there was not a lot of time to go for food before they had to board all the contest boats. Those who were not on the boats enjoyed company in the tents socializing or talking at the registration table, getting tickets for raffle items and the 50/50 raffle as well.

The District Commander hosted a second reception at 1700 where we had a full bar and also light appetizers. The people who manned the contests and all who participated were coming back in to join us. At 1800 Mission Barbeque, who catered the food, had it ready to serve. Everyone pitched in to help get the food and cake ready. The food and cake were great!

One of the greatest things was the idea to get back out on the water! The following Boating Events were as follows: On Friday there was a (OTW) On the Water Training for IN/CN Training. On Saturday there was a Sail Regatta and Power Boat Navigation Contest. There was also an update on the VIMS and a sign-up for a First-aid class as well. The Awards Ceremony recognized the winners of the contests, including the Scavenger Hunt winners, and all who helped. We also had the new Life Vest presentation for those to view and order.

Kudos to the host squadron, Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron for coming out in force for the event! A special thank you to the Aides who attended and helped and socialized with everyone. I would name names but I'm afraid I would forget someone and we cannot leave out anybody. There were 16 Squadrons in attendance. D/C Bob and I truly enjoyed all of you.

Stay safe, get out on the water, see you soon!
FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS



2024 D/5 Summer Council

Successful Boat Operator Certification during the summer Rendezvous

The Boat Operator Certification Program provides members with proof of the classroom and practical on-the-water. There are four levels of certification starting from small boat handling (Inland Navigator) and proceeding Offshore Navigation. Requirements consist of classroom and practical skill demonstrations. The program is detailed on the USPS® web site under the Education Department.

We congratulate Lt/C Susan F. Rudy, SN (Dundalk), P/C David J. Blades, SN (Dundalk), D/Lt/C Penn J. Hess, AP (Absecon Island), Lt/C John Torres, AP (Patuxent River), and P/Lt/C Daniel T. Cordell, JN (Patuxent River) for passing their on-the-water, boat handling examination during the Summer Rendezvous. P/C Robert F. Prior, JN-CN (Patuxent River) was also recertified as BOC certifier during this event.

If you are interested in the Boat Operator Certification program, please contact Jim Zeigler at jim@jpzeigler.com or 804-347-5239.

R/C Jim Ziegler

Special Thanks

A special thanks to P/C Dave Teets, AP (Richmond) and Lt/C John Torres, AP (Patuxent River) for their help in conducting this event.

We borrowed a Richmond member's trailer boat for the examinations. It was brought to Lexington Park a week before the rendezvous and stored. After work on Thursday night, John picked up the examiner at Solomon's Island, towed the boat to the launch ramp and helped get it ready. Friday afternoon, after completing his own on-the-water examination, he brought the trailer to the launch ramp and helped load it. He towed the boat and trailer to the storage location and suffered numerous mosquito bites trying to get the trailer jack down and unhook the trailer. We thank John for his time and assistance and most of all, for the opportunity to get to know him better as we worked on this effort.

Dave Teets loaned his center-console for the on-the-water examination. It was more than just loaning the boat. Dave had to fix and repair a few items on the boat and trailer (in the hot humid mid-July days) as well as drive the boat from Richmond to Solomon's Island a week before the event and take it back to Richmond afterwards. In the meantime, he was getting his own boat ready for the squadron summer cruise. He donated his time and fuel to make the event a success. This is the unselfish dedication that makes our members so great and keeps our club going. Thanks Dave for your support.

2024 D/5 Summer Council-Friday



2024 D/5 Summer Council Flag Raising



2024 D/5 Summer Council Contests



2024 D/5 Summer Council Saturday Evening



Annual Delaware River Educational Cruise

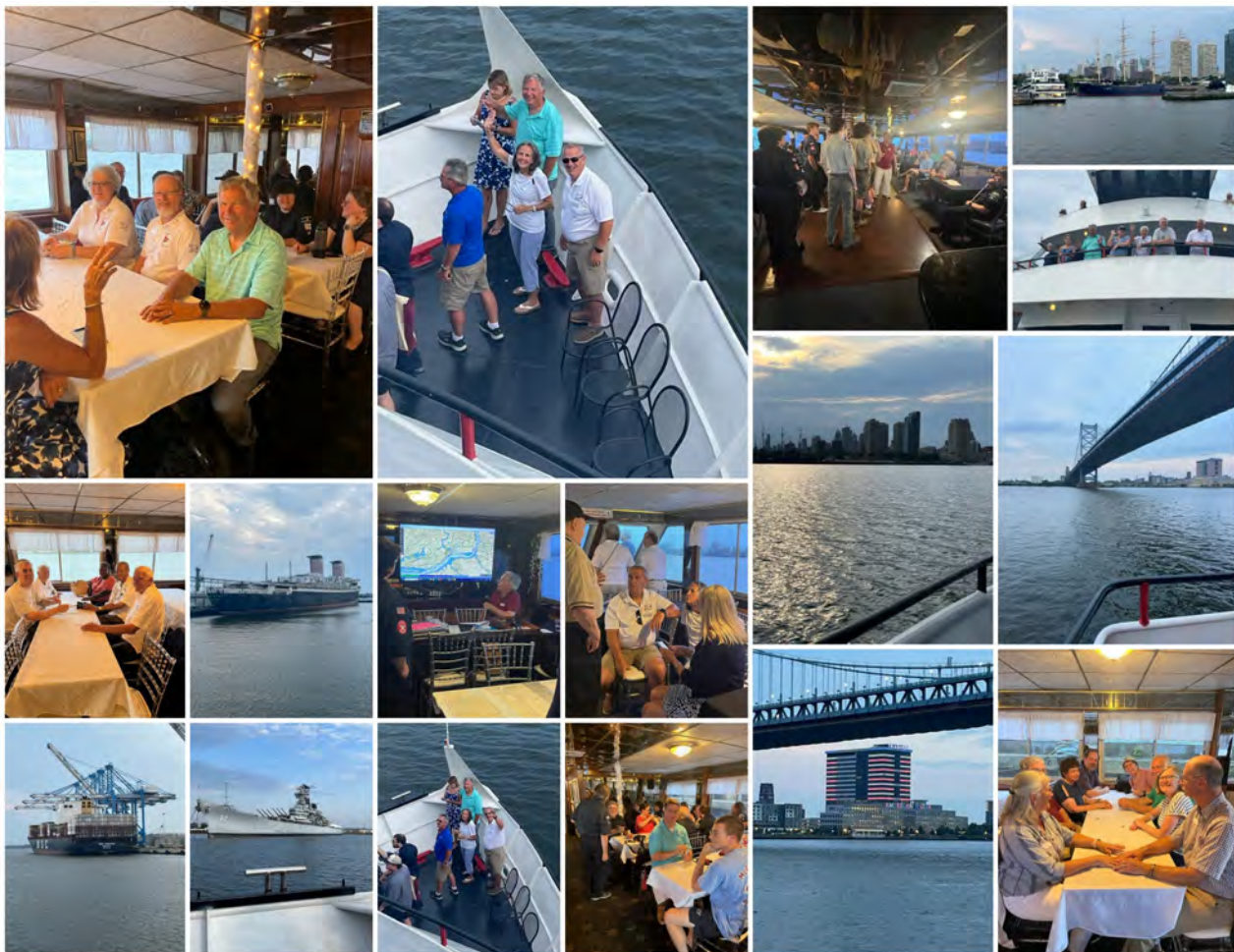
On Wednesday, July 17th, America's Boating Club-Delaware Valley held our Delaware River Educational Cruise, an event that dates back over 30 years. The bad weather that had plagued the area for the prior few days, including severe thunderstorms and tornado watches, held off just long enough for our yacht, the Ben Franklin, to cruise south past the Philadelphia Airport and then north of Penns Landing.

We had 76 participants and were especially honored to be joined this year by C/C Ralph Bernard and his wife Nance. We are very grateful for the number of people who came from all areas of District 5 but the award for the farthest goes to Jim and Sandy Ray from Northern Neck who said that they combined the cruise with getting to visit the historical areas of downtown Philadelphia.

We were also joined by over 20 Sea Scouts from three different ships, who were entertained by the excellent narration of Past District Educational Officer Jim Heckman, assisted by Past National Educational Officer Bill McManimen. Jim used animated charts of the river to track our route and showed the aids to navigation and ranges along the Delaware River. As always, the Sea Scouts were both entertained and educated! We also got to see sights such as the battleship New Jersey which just recently returned to its berth in Camden, NJ as well as the SS United States, which still holds the record for the fastest transatlantic crossing.

The cruise included a buffet dinner on the three-deck yacht with both indoor and outdoor seating. Whether you wanted to learn more about the river or just relax and enjoy the ride, we thank everyone who attended, far and wide!

P/D/C Stephanie Ward, AP





2024 Fall Governing Board

Sunday, September 22, 2024 - Monday, September 30, 2024
 Sheraton at Station Sq, 300 W Station Square Dr Pittsburgh, PA
 1-800-325-3535 Rate: \$189.00



Fall Governing Board
 September 24 - 29, 2024
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

REGISTRATION FEE

Cost: \$35.00 **ALL ATTENDEES**

The registration fee is to subsidize incidental expenses such as audio visual, printing of program and shipping of flags, awards, AV Equipment, Seat Packets, Supplies, etc from HQ. If you attend 1 or more events, meetings, seminars or meals, there are hidden costs that we are not charging attendees, but the hotel charges the organization. Our meal prices reflect the price the hotel charges (including applicable taxes, service charges, etc.) so this fee helps the organization recover some of the additional costs required to make the meeting more enjoyable/accessible. Your support is appreciated.

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

PITTSBURGH ZOO & AQUARIUM Time: 0930-1430 Cost: \$25.00 **Price until 21 September 2024 \$20.00**

The Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2023. During its 125 years, the Zoo transformed itself from an animal menagerie to one that focuses on incorporating naturalistic habitats for a great variety of species, as well as becoming a resource for conservation, education, and research. The Zoo map will show you 9 different locations showcasing the different environments. Find the Aldabra tortoise and the Visayan warty pig in The Islands and the African Savanna has our favorites, lions, tigers, zebra and more. The Aquarium is the most unique aspect of this Zoo. #6 on the Zoo map where you will find the blacktip Reef Shark as well as live coral, a Pacific giant octopus, jellyfish, potbellied sea horses, and an electric eel. Wheelchairs can be rented for \$10 per day and it is suggested that reservations be made in advance as without a reservation, availability is on a first come first served basis. To make a wheelchair reservation or to ask other ADA specific need questions, please call 412-365-6020.

TRANSPORTATION: The cost of transportation is not included. To help keep the cost down, the group will travel by UBER/LYFT or another method of transportation. Please bring \$10-\$20 per person cash to help cover the cost. Otherwise, the cost would have included \$50-\$100 more per person to pre-rent a van/bus/shuttle. **NOTE:** Please contact Denise at uspsnmctours@gmail.com for additional information/questions regarding this event.

WELCOME FRIENDS DINNER Time: 1800-2200

Cost: \$79.00

Price until 27 August 2024 \$66.00

Have you registered for this dinner yet? What better way to kick off the Fall Governing Board than to invest in the price of dinner and an evening full of music, a test of knowledge, and memories! Yes, you'll have to think back and remember... Dinner follows a reception with cash bar.

Chicken: **Salad:** Seasonal Greens with Heirloom Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumber, Carrot Ribbons & Balsamic Vinaigrette; **Entree:** Roasted Lager Brined Amish Chicken Breast with Natural Jus; **Dessert:** Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream

Risotto: **Salad:** Seasonal Greens with Heirloom Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumber, Carrot Ribbons & Balsamic Vinaigrette;

Entree: Seasonal Vegetable Risotto; **Dessert:** Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream

Thursday, September 26, 2024

KEYNOTE BREAKFAST Time: 0715-0845

Cost: \$58.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$47.00**

Join us for an interesting guest speaker while sharing breakfast for the opening ceremony for the conference.

French Toast : Banana Stuffed French Toast with Graham Cracker Whipped Cream, Spiced Pecans and Local Maple Syrup; House Made Granola Yogurt Parfait with Berry Compote & Local Honey.

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Scrambled Eggs: Scrambled Eggs/Roasted Potatoes w/Caramelized Peppers and Onions/Applewood Smoked Bacon/Seasonal Fruit Salad

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CARNEGIE MUSEUMS OF ART & NATURAL HISTORY Time: 0930-1330
Cost: \$22.00

Price until 27 August 2024 \$17.00

The purchase price of a ticket gets you into both the Art and Natural History museums! Enter through the Ground Floor where you'll find large-scale sculptures in the open-air Sculpture Court and Fountain Plaza. Floors 1 to 3 are focused on objects of art and natural history. Be sure to stop at the Charity Randall Gallery and see the Pittsburgh Satellite Reef – a part of the worldwide Crochet Coral Reef Project. The exhibits, Dinosaurs in Their Time and From Egypt to Pittsburgh, may pique your fancy or step inside the Hall of African Wildlife to experience African savanna life. Our time at the museums will include time to dine together (on your own) at the Café Carnegie located in the Museum of Art.

TRANSPORTATION: The cost of transportation is not included. To help keep the cost down, the group will travel by UBER/LYFT or another method of transportation. Please bring \$10-\$20 per person cash to help cover the cost. Otherwise, the cost would have included \$50-\$100 more per person to pre-rent a van/bus/shuttle. **NOTE:** Please contact Denise at uspsnmctours@gmail.com for additional information/questions regarding this event.

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D/C XO SQUADRON COMMANDERS EXEC OFFICERS & DEPT CHAIRS

Time: 1200-1330 Cost: \$58.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$47.00**

Join the National Executive Officer, Mike Wiedel, and fellow District Commanders and Executive Officers for lunch. We encourage squadron/district commanders, bridge officers and leadership of all levels to join us. **This luncheon is for everyone to attend.**

LUNCH: The Downtown Deli Buffet: Soup du Jour; Seasonal Greens Salad w/Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onion & Balsamic Vinegar; Red Skin Potato Salad with Bacon & Scallion; Grilled Marinated Vegetables; Farmer's Market Vegetable Salad Tossed with Feta Cheese, Sherry Vinegar & Basil Pesto; Corned Beef; Roasted Turkey Breast; Ham; Swiss, Cheddar & Provolone Cheeses; Sliced Tomatoes, Lettuce & House made Bread & Butter Pickles; Dusseldorf Mustard, Herb Mayonnaise, Russian Dressing & Horse-radish Sauce; Fresh Ciabatta Rolls and Sliced Bread; Assorted Cookies and Brownies

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EDUCATIONAL TEAM LUNCHEON Time: 1200-1330

Cost: \$58.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$47.00**

Calling all instructors, Educational Officers, Assistant Educational Officers, Educational Chairman, and those supporting education! Join us for an entertaining luncheon with presentations highlighting activities and recognizing a few invaluable individuals.

LUNCH: The Downtown Deli Buffet: Soup du Jour; Seasonal Greens Salad w/Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onion & Balsamic Vinegar; Red Skin Potato Salad with Bacon & Scallion; Grilled Marinated Vegetables; Farmer's Market Vegetable Salad Tossed with Feta Cheese, Sherry Vinegar & Basil Pesto; Corned Beef; Roasted Turkey Breast; Ham; Swiss, Cheddar & Provolone Cheeses; Sliced Tomatoes, Lettuce & House made Bread & Butter Pickles; Dusseldorf Mustard, Herb Mayonnaise, Russian Dressing & Horse-radish Sauce; Fresh Ciabatta Rolls and Sliced Bread; Assorted Cookies and Brownies

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COMEDY SHOW AND DINNER Time: 1800-2200

Cost: \$99.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$81.00**

A full night of jokes, laughs and good clean fun with Pittsburgh's premiere stand-up comedian, David Kaye. If you are looking for an evening of laughing until your sides hurt, join us for "dinner and a comedian" – almost like dinner and a movie, but much more fun and lively humor! Dinner follows a reception with cash bar.

DINNER OPTION 1: Pork: SALAD: Bibb Salad w/Blistered Tomatoes, Applewood Bacon, Farm Eggs, Blue Cheese & Buttermilk Dressing; **ENTREE:** Cider Brined Berkshire Pork Tenderloin with Fresh Mustard Jus; **DESSERT:** Triple Chocolate Cream Cake or Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream

DINNER OPTION 2: Salmon: SALAD: Bibb Salad w/Blistered Tomatoes, Applewood Bacon, Farm Eggs, Blue Cheese & Buttermilk Dressing; **ENTREE:** Pan-Seared Bay of Fundy Salmon w/Lemon Herb Butter

DESSERT: Triple Chocolate Cream Cake or Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream

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Friday, September 27, 2024

THE CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER Time: 1030-1430

Cost: \$20.00 **Price until 21 September 2024 \$15.00**

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Have an interest in science? This is your chance to take in the Carnegie Science Center – four floors of interactive exhibits await you. General admission price includes these exhibits: Highmark SportsWorks – “to inspire learning and curiosity by uniting the experience of sports for every age level with the laws of science that control sports”; Mars: The Next Giant Leap - 7,400 square-foot Mars exhibit and its supporting programs; the USS Requin – the Navy’s first Radar Picket submarine, the Buhl Planetarium and Observatory offers a variety of high-definition, full-dome planetarium shows; and there is so much more to see and learn. Accessible to persons with disabilities.

TRANSPORTATION: The cost of transportation is not included. To help keep the cost down, the group will travel by UBER/LYFT or another method of transportation. Please bring \$10-\$20 per person cash to help cover the cost. Otherwise, the cost would have included \$50-\$100 more per person to pre-rent a van/bus/shuttle.

NOTE: Please contact Denise at uspsnmctours@gmail.com for additional information/questions regarding this event.

FUN LUNCH FOR EVERYONE Time: 1200-1330
 Cost: \$49.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$41.00**

Avoid the lines while having fun! Lunch topic to be determined, but be assured it will be fun.

LUNCH: SALAD: Tomato Salad with Scallions, Peppers, Cucumber & Balsamic Glaze; Wrap Options: Grilled Chicken, Roast Beef with Caramelized Onions; Blue Cheese, Arugula & Horseradish Cream; Ham & Swiss with Dijonaise; Homemade Kettle Chips; Assorted Cookies.

Saturday, September 28, 2024

SOCIAL LUNCHEON Time: 1200-1400 Cost: \$67.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$56.00**

Looking for more than just lunch? The Social Lunch offers the attendees a guest speaker about the area or an informative session.

LUNCH: Salad: Seasonal Greens with Heirloom Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumber, Carrot Ribbons & Balsamic Vinaigrette. **Entree:** Chicken Romano with Potato Puree & Roasted Baby Carrots. **Dessert:** Carrot Cake with Honey and Candied Walnuts

MEMBERS LUNCHEON Time: 1215-1330 Cost: \$67.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$56.00**

Come join the members at this time to enjoy lunch, visit with friends and new friends, as you share the learnings you have gained from this National Meeting! Everyone is Welcome!

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BILGESWABBER'S BALL DINNER DANCE - BUFFET Time: 1800-2200
 Cost: \$102.00 **Price until 27 August 2024 \$84.00**

Harken back to the days when you cleaned out the water, etc. from your bilge. A task that required special clothing. This evening “dress up” in your finest bilge cleaning attire and get ready to “swab the bilge” as we enjoy a buffet style meal with rocking music, and maybe even prizes for the best dressed BilgeSwabber! The BilgeSwabber’s Ball is calling your name. Get into the spirit and come swab with us! Dinner follows a reception with cash bar.

Dinner Buffet: A nice southern style buffet with a variety of choices. A few items: Fried Chicken and Waffles, Smoked, Baby Back Ribs, Blackened Shrimp Mac and Cheese, Red Potato Salad, Cucumber and Tomato Salad, Green Salad, Biscuits, Corn Bread, Bourbon Pecan Pie and Fruit Cobbler.

FOR ALL MEALS: IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS/VEGETARIAN OPTION: Do you have special dietary needs or need a vegetarian option? Please click on the "Attendees" option at the top of this page and list them in the Special Dietary Needs section. Continue to purchase your meal choices and the hotel will offer another option.

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United States Power Squadrons announces its FedEx national account, which includes discounts of approximately 40% on Welcome to the Neighborhood banners as well as other copy and print center products purchased online and in local stores.

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1. Read and accept the terms of the participation agreement with our company's participation code: **2017USP021**
2. Enter your contact information and be sure to specify **United States Power Squadrons** in the *Company Name* field
3. Make sure to click the **I agree** button at the bottom of the page.
4. Complete the FedEx Office Account application on the next page and click the **SUBMIT** button*

To sign up for online access

After receiving your FedEx account number, visit bit.ly/polcuser to sign up for online access using that number. Although limited to one account number, squadrons and districts can share that number with all members.

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After signing up, email Tammy Brown to let her know your district or squadron has registered.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2024 Events

USPS Gov. Board	Pittsburgh, PA	25-29 Sep
Annapolis Boat Show	Annapolis, MD	3-6 Oct
Annapolis Sailboat Show	Annapolis, MD	10-14 Oct
D/5 Fall Conference	Maritime Institute	7-10 Nov

2025 Events

USPS Annual Meeting	Rosen Plaza, Orlando, FL	5-8 Feb
D/5 Spring Conference	Holiday Inn, Ocean City, MD	27-30 Mar



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